



# BOOSTER Chatter

November 2017

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Laura Young*



Although our Angels didn't make it to the post-season, it was nice to see another American League team, the Houston Astros, become "Champions of Baseball" (to borrow a quote from Rory Markas). We know how it feels to win your first World Series!

We have been informed by the Angels that due to stadium construction and the hazards it poses, the Groundskeepers Food Drive is being canceled this year. They wrote, "Thank you for being such great supporters of the event." It is expected to resume next year.

The Boosters want to thank BOBBY GRICH for speaking to us at our last meeting. See Judee's article in this newsletter for more about Bobby and his friend and teammate, DON BAYLOR. We really appreciate the time Bobby spent with us.

With the Annual Meeting and joint Toy Drive with the Boosters and PCAA (Providing Hope Community

Action Association) in the next 2 months, it will be a fun and busy time for the Club. If you haven't signed up for the Annual Meeting potluck, please contact Kim Edwards to let her know what you will be bringing. We will be having the Board of Directors elections that evening as well. There is still time to join us on the Board, so please consider helping the Club grow, plan events, and have fun.

For the Toy Drive, this year if you want to bring something besides toys and blankets, the PCAA has advised that they could use more items for teens, like grooming and personal items (shampoo, soap, hair gel, combs, deodorant, makeup, etc.), sports equipment, and gift cards for grocery stores or Wal-Mart or Target for clothes. The larger location this year at the DelHi in Santa Ana has plenty of free parking and room to move around the room and view the raffles and accomplishments of the youth. The food will be from JP23 – so you know it will be good and plentiful. Join us -sign up online, at the 11/13 meeting, or by mail. See the flyer on the website or with this newsletter. ☺

## Special Events *Kimberly Edwards*

Hi Boosters... It's that time of year again. The Toy Drive is finally here, Saturday, December 9th. I am hoping that more people are going to sign up to come this year since we will be able to sit and talk with the kids and their groups and finally see what kind of work PCAA does. Please don't forget to email, call or text

with your reservation. I really hope to see all of you there this year.

Also, please remember to bring your \$10 unwrapped toy donation as well as any other donated items on the day of the Toy Drive. ☺



## 2017 ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING DATES

**Monday, 11/13/17**  
**(Annual Dinner/ Election)**  
*Booster Club members only*

**Saturday, 12/9/17**  
**(Annual Toy Drive)**  
*Everyone welcome*

## INSIDE THE CLUB



**Bobby Grich 2**  
*A memorable evening with Bobby Grich sharing stories of his dear friend Don Baylor.*



**Cooperstown 3**  
*Enjoy Cooperstown through the eyes and excitement of a fellow Booster Member.*



**Annual Dinner 4**  
*All members please join us for the Annual Dinner/Election and potluck Nov. 13th.*

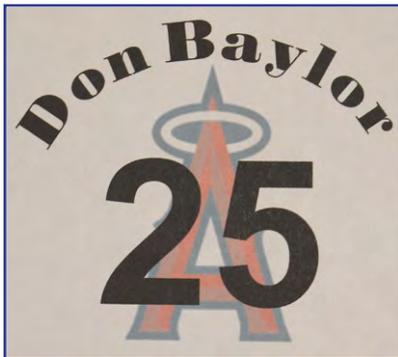


## HELPING OTHERS THROUGH THE LOVE OF ANGELS BASEBALL



Angels Booster Club November 2017 Meeting • Monday, November 13, 2017 • 7:00 pm • Angel Stadium Main Entrance • Home Plate Club • 4th Floor • Doors Open Early at 6:30 pm and are closed at 7:00 pm • Don't Miss It!

**1ST VP/SPEAKERS** *Judee Stapp*



We were honored to have Long Beach native BOBBY GRICH join the Angels Booster Club at our October 16 meeting to speak to us about his friend, DON BAYLOR, who passed away August 7, 2017 in his native Austin, Texas at age 68. Don fought cancer for 14

years and never complained. Bobby was one of the speakers at Don's funeral which he attended along with Tim Mead, Frank Robinson, Rick Smith, Joe Torre, and Tony Larussa.

Bobby and Don had been teammates and friends since both were drafted by the Orioles out of high school; Bobby was the 1st round pick and Donnie was the 2nd round pick in the 1967 free agent draft. When Bobby reported to Oriole's minor league team at Bluefield WV, three weeks later than the other players, the first person to greet him and shake his hand was Don Baylor. They played together in the Appalachian Leagues going back and forth over the mountains in rickety buses. The two



Judee Stapp, Bobby Grich and Laura Young

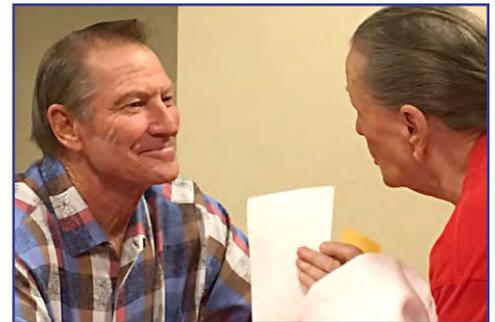
friends roomed together in 1971 and '72 and were believed to be the first black and white roommates in MLB history. They played together off and on for 14 years with the Orioles and Angels and both are in the Angels Hall of Fame.

Don Baylor, an MLB power hitter who went on to manage the Rockies and Cubs, won a number of accolades including AL MVP (1979), NL Manager of the Year (1995), AL RBI leader, and more. He once caught a ball barehanded when Ritchie Zisk of the Pirates hit a ball like a rocket into centerfield! Baylor played for the Orioles, Angels, Athletics, Yankees, Twins, and Red Sox.

But Bobby Grich wanted us to know about the 'real' Don Baylor, not just his accomplishments. Wherever he played, Don

was loved by his teammates and fans. He was a great ambassador for baseball everywhere he went and garnered the utmost of respect from players and fans alike. For his wonderful example of a true professional both on and off the field, Don was given the very prestigious Roberto Clemente award in 1985.

Other stories about Don included one from MLB pitcher Ross Grimsley said, "Donny made me feel welcome when I came on the team." Ken Singleton said, "I had been traded in 1974 to play for Earl Weaver. Don taught me that players and managers had to have respect for each other." Gary Roenicke (brother of Ron) told Bobby Grich, "In 1984 I was an Oriole and Don was a Yankee. We talked before the game and Don told me to try a heavier bat. He sent two bats over to me to try - 35" long



Bobby Grich and Aileen Ackerman

and 35 ounces! I hit a grand slam with Don's bat in the 8th inning and a Baltimore fan won a million dollars because she won the 8th inning Grand Slam lottery!"

Because Don wanted to "give back", in 1977 when Don came to the Angels, he got involved involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Don decided to chair a golf tournament and did that for 37 years. Doug DeCinces, who has a grandson with the disease, and Bobby now chair the event at Strawberry Farms in September. The tournament is now called the "65 Roses Don Baylor Memorial



Classic" and will forever remember Don Baylor's 37 years of support. When Donnie first started with the CF Foundation, the average age of a young person with the disease was about 12 years old. Thirty-seven years later, it is now 45 years old and a cure is becoming a hopeful reality soon.

Thank you, Bobby, for sharing your memories with us about Don Baylor who was always gracious and generous with fans. It was nice to hear he was that way in his private life too. Please come back again. You are always welcome. ☺



**Cooperstown**

*Bobbie Hamfeldt*



At my advanced age, I've checked off many items on my life bucket list (but keep adding to it, as everyone does). I recently was able to check off one item that had been on my list for a very long time. Chances are, among Booster members, I am not alone in having a visit to Cooperstown and the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a dream. I recently was able to have this dream come true on a quick trip to upstate New York to visit my Godson at his new college, Rochester Institute of Technology. Despite an exhausting three hour drive each way in pouring rain, it was a day so thrilling and exciting that I would do it again in a minute.

I was surprised that the actual town of Cooperstown is a very small quaint town nestled in among some lakes and surrounded by trees full of a palette of colorful leaves. There are baseball themed stores up and down the main street and the actual building itself is not nearly as imposing as I had thought it would be, especially since the outside was undergoing construction of some sort when I was there. However, the inside of the building opens up a whole new world of wonder.

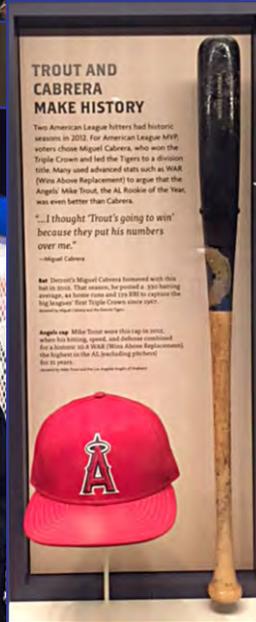
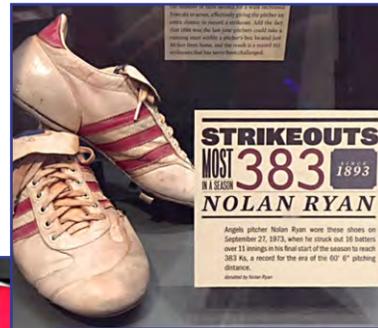
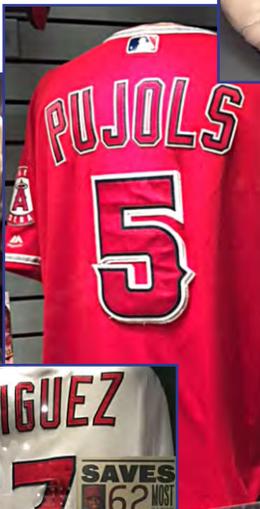
The bulk of the museum is on the second floor. We spent hours there because this is where all the history of baseball is detailed. There are rooms dedicated to the Negro Leagues and Women's teams. There were entire displays devoted to Babe Ruth, Honis Wagner, and other baseball greats. There were displays on the development of baseball equipment and the rules of the game. Record setters of the game were shown, including our own

Mike Trout and Albert Pujols. In addition, there is a locker for each team with different items of significance displayed. A few of the items in the Angels locker were Trout's shoes from his rookie year, his hat from his first All Star game, and Weaver's Jersey from his no hitter game.

Probably my favorite section to see was the entire room dedicated to the history of the Negro Leagues. Of course there was space dedicated to Jackie Robinson, but there was so much more on both the history and the players. I also appreciated reading the long timeline that coordinated the history of civil rights achievements in baseball with achievements throughout the country.

Though we have a long way to go, it was fascinating to see the slow progression towards equality in MLB. I must have spent at least an hour in just that room alone. Each and every display in the entire museum has such rich detail that you can't just walk by it; you have to stop and read everything and take it all in, especially if you're a true lover of the game.

We were at the museum for five hours and yet still had so much more to see when they closed the doors at 5:00 and shooed us out. I know I must visit again to see the displays I didn't get to. I'm hoping that Vlad Guerrero will become the first Angels inductee into the Hall of Fame. Then I'll have a good excuse to visit again next July (as will the entire Booster Club). It's a trip that's well worth taking!



## 2017 ANGELS AND BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

Please check [www.angelsboosterclub.org](http://www.angelsboosterclub.org) or follow the Angels Booster Club Facebook page for updates.

### NOVEMBER

11/13 Monday Angels Booster Club Annual Dinner and Elections - *Booster members only*

### DECEMBER

12/9 Saturday Angels Booster Club Annual Holiday Toy Drive - *Everyone welcome!*

Contact Maria Kageyama with questions or if you are unable to attend the meetings and want to purchase tickets for any of the above events.

*Helping Others Through the Love of Angels Baseball!*



### Booster Birthdays!

#### November

Harry Dobashi	1-Nov
Tim Barham	2-Nov
Tom Thomas	2-Nov
Nancy Hedrick	9-Nov
Carol Gagon	13-Nov
Dana Lucas	13-Nov
Stan Taraszka	15-Nov
Maxine Gillis	22-Nov
Barbara Phillips	22-Nov
Yvonne Montano	24-Nov
Sandra Comer	26-Nov
Evelina Nishizawa	28-Nov

#### December

Ron Craddick	1-Dec
Matthew Sullivan	9-Dec
Michelle Randall	12-Dec
John Steverding	13-Dec
Bob McFadden	14-Dec
Raul Montano	15-Dec
Enid Hildebrandt	20-Dec
Carol McCourry	21-Dec
Diane McFadden	22-Dec
Bobbi Miller	22-Dec
Patrick O'Keefe	25-Dec
Linda Ross	27-Dec
Christy Brandon	29-Dec

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### December Booster Wedding Anniversaries!

Bobbi Miller 7-Dec

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